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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application.

Please cancel Claims 1-12.

Claims 13-45 previously cancelled.

Please cancel Claims 46-66.

Please add the following new claims:

67. (New) A portable basketball goal assembly that can be secured in a fixed position relative to a surface, the portable basketball goal assembly comprising:

a support pole;

a backboard and rim assembly connected to the support pole and at least partially positioned above a playing surface;

a base connected to the support pole, the base including one or more wheels to facilitate movement of the portable basketball goal assembly;

a first mounting region of the base;

a second mounting region of the base;

a first support strut connected to the support pole and to the first mounting region of the base;

a second support strut connected to the support pole and to the second mounting region of the base;

a first anchoring assembly including a fastener that extends through an opening in the first mounting region of the base and a retaining member that is connected to the

surface, the fastener being connected to the retaining member to selectively hold the base in a fixed position relative to the surface; and

a second anchoring assembly including a fastener that extends through an opening in the second mounting region of the base and a retaining member that is connected to the surface, the fastener being connected to the retaining member to selectively hold the base in a fixed position relative to the surface.

68. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 67, further comprising an upper section of the base and a lower section of the base, a first portion of the upper section of the base abutting a first portion of the lower section of the base to form at least a part of the first mounting region of the base, and a second portion of the upper section of the base abutting a second portion of the lower section of the base to form at least a part of the second mounting region of the base.

69. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 68, wherein a portion of the upper section of the base is spaced apart from a portion of the lower section of the base to form a generally hollow interior portion that is capable of being filled with ballast.

70. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 67, further comprising a head of the fastener of the first anchoring assembly that is disposed proximate an upper surface of the first mounting region of the base and an elongated body of the fastener of the first anchoring assembly that is at least partially received within the retaining member of the first anchoring assembly; and

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a head of the fastener of the second anchoring assembly that is disposed proximate an upper surface of the second mounting region of the base and an elongated body of the fastener of the second anchoring assembly that is at least partially received within the retaining member of the second anchoring assembly.

71. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 70, further comprising a first resilient member positioned between the head of the fastener of the first anchoring assembly and the upper surface of the first mounting region of the base and a second resilient member positioned between the head of the fastener of the second anchoring assembly and the upper surface of the second mounting region of the base.

72. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 67, wherein the first support strut is connected to the base proximate the first anchoring assembly and the second support strut is connected to the base proximate the second anchoring assembly.

73. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 67, wherein the first support strut is connected to the first anchoring assembly and the second support strut is connected to the second anchoring assembly.

74. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 67, further comprising a first bracket disposed between the fastener of the first anchoring assembly and the first mounting region of the base; and further comprising a second bracket disposed between the fastener of the second anchoring assembly and the second mounting region of the base.

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75. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 74, wherein the first bracket includes rounded edges and a slot; and wherein the second bracket includes rounded edges and a slot.

76. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 67, wherein the first support strut is generally aligned with the first anchoring assembly and the second support strut is generally aligned with the second anchoring assembly.

77. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 67, further comprising a first bracket that connects the first support strut to the first anchoring assembly and a second bracket that connects the second support strut to the second anchoring assembly.

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78. (New) A portable basketball goal system that is capable of being selectively connected to a surface, the portable basketball goal system comprising:

an elongated support;

a basketball goal connected to the elongated support;

a base connected to the elongated support, the base including one or more wheels to facilitate movement of the portable basketball system, the base including a hollow space that is capable of being filled with a ballast material;

a first mounting region disposed along a first side of the base, the first mounting region including one or more openings;

a second mounting region disposed along a second side of the base, the second mounting region including one or more openings;

a first fastener extending through an opening of the one or more openings in the first mounting region of the base, the first fastener being connected to a first retaining member to selectively connect the portable basketball goal system to the surface; and

a second fastener extending through an opening of the one or more openings in the second mounting region of the base, the second fastener being connected to a second retaining member to selectively connect the portable basketball goal system to the surface.

79. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 78, further comprising a first support strut including a first end connected to the elongated support and a second end connected to the first mounting region of the base, and a second support strut including a first

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end connected to the elongated support and a second end connected to the second mounting region of the base.

80. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 79, wherein the first strut is generally aligned with a portion of the first fastener and the second strut is generally aligned with a portion of the second fastener.

81. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 79, further comprising a first bracket that connects the first support strut to the first fastener and a second bracket that connects the second support strut to the second fastener.

82. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 79, further comprising an upper section of the base and a lower section of the base, a first portion of the upper section of the base abutting a first portion of the lower section of the base to form at least a part of the first mounting region of the base, and a second portion of the upper section of the base abutting a second portion of the lower section of the base to form at least a part of the second mounting region of the base.

83. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 79, wherein a portion of the upper section of the base is spaced apart from a portion of the lower section of the base to form a generally hollow interior portion that is capable of being filled with ballast.

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84. (New) A portable basketball goal system that is capable of being connected to a surface, the portable basketball goal system comprising:

an elongated support;

a basketball goal connected to the elongated support;

a base connected to the elongated support, the base including at least one wheel to facilitate movement of the portable basketball goal system;

a mounting region disposed in the base, the mounting region including one or more openings;

a support strut connected to the elongated support and the mounting region of the base;

an anchoring assembly at least partially disposed within the mounting region of the base, the anchoring assembly including a fastener that extends through at least one or the one or more openings in the mounting region, the fastener being connected to a retaining member to connect the portable basketball goal system to the surface.

85. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 84, further comprising a bracket at least partially disposed between the anchoring assembly and the mounting region.

86. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 84, further comprising a second mounting region disposed in the base, the second mounting region including one or more openings; a second support strut connected to the elongated support and the second mounting region of the base; and a second anchoring assembly at least partially disposed within the second mounting region of the base, the second anchoring assembly including a fastener that extends

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through at least one or the one or more openings in the second mounting region, the fastener being connected to a second retaining member to connect the portable basketball goal system to the surface.

87. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 84, wherein the support strut is generally aligned with a portion of the anchoring assembly.

88. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 84, further comprising a bracket that connects the support strut to the anchoring assembly

89. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 84, further comprising an upper section of the base and a lower section of the base, a portion of the upper section of the base abutting a portion of the lower section of the base to form at least a part of the mounting region of the base.

90. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 89, wherein a portion of the upper section of the base is spaced apart from a portion of the lower section of the base to form a generally hollow interior portion that is capable of being filled with ballast.

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91. (New) A portable basketball goal system comprising:

a base;

an elongated support connected to the base;

a backboard and rim assembly connected to the elongated support and at least partially disposed above a playing surface;

a first mounting region formed in a first portion of the base;

a first support strut connecting the elongated support to the first mounting region of the base;

a first anchoring assembly at least partially disposed within the first mounting region, the first anchoring assembly including an anchor and an anchoring attachment, the anchor being attached to the anchoring attachment to secure the portable basketball goal system in the fixed position;

a second mounting region formed in a second portion of the base;

a second support strut connecting the elongated support to the second mounting region of the base; and

a second anchoring assembly at least partially disposed within the second mounting region, the second anchoring assembly including an anchor and an anchoring attachment, the anchor being attached to the anchoring attachment to secure the portable basketball goal system in the fixed position.

92. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 91, wherein the first support strut is connected to the base proximate the first anchoring assembly and the second support strut is connected to the base proximate the second anchoring assembly.

93. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 91, wherein the first support strut is connected to the first anchoring assembly and the second support strut is connected to the second anchoring assembly.

94. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 91, wherein the anchor of the first anchoring assembly extends through an opening in the first mounting region of the base and the anchor of the second anchoring assembly extends through an opening in the second mounting region.

95. (New) The portable basketball goal system as in Claim 91, wherein the anchoring attachment of the first anchor assembly is connected to the playing surface and the anchoring attachment of the second anchor assembly is connected to the playing surface.

96. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 91, further comprising an upper section of the base and a lower section of the base, a first part of the upper section of the base abutting a first part of the lower section of the base to form at least a part of the first mounting region of the base, and a second part of the upper section of the base abutting a second part of the lower section of the base to form at least a part of the second mounting region of the base.

97. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 91, further comprising a head of the anchor of the first anchoring assembly that is disposed proximate an upper surface

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of the first mounting region of the base and an elongated body of the anchor of the first anchoring assembly that is at least partially received within the anchoring attachment of the first anchoring assembly; and

a head of the anchor of the second anchoring assembly that is disposed proximate an upper surface of the second mounting region of the base and an elongated body of the anchor of the second anchoring assembly that is at least partially received within the anchoring attachment of the second anchoring assembly.

98. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 91, further comprising a first resilient member positioned between the head of the anchor of the first anchoring assembly and the upper surface of the first mounting region of the base and a second resilient member positioned between the head of the anchor of the second anchoring assembly and the upper surface of the second mounting region of the base.

99. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 91, wherein the first support strut is connected to the first anchoring assembly and the second support strut is connected to the second anchoring assembly.

100. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 91, further comprising a first bracket disposed between the fastener of the first anchoring assembly and the first mounting region of the base; and further comprising a second bracket disposed between the fastener of the second anchoring assembly and the second mounting region of the base.

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101. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 91, wherein the first bracket includes rounded edges and a slot; and wherein the second bracket includes rounded edges and a slot.

102. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 91, wherein the first support strut is generally aligned with the first anchoring assembly and the second support strut is generally aligned with the second anchoring assembly.

103. (New) The portable basketball goal assembly as in Claim 91, further comprising a first bracket that connects the first support strut to the first anchoring assembly and a second bracket that connects the second support strut to the second anchoring assembly.